

Mr. Untermyer, "who is able to get his work done?"

Mr. Edlitz was thoughtful for a moment, and then answered: "Todd, Jones & Robinson."

"Oh, Mr. Edlitz," cried Mr. Untermyer, bristling with indignation, "don't you know that Mr. Robinson told us how he was able to do it? Don't you know he swore here he was able to do it because he paid \$50,000 to Robert P. Brindell?"

"That is true," admitted Mr. Edlitz.

"Do you know of any man who has honestly been able, without paying bribes, to remain in business without being forced into the association?"

Mr. Edlitz, after thinking for some time, shook his head.

Q. Did you know the organization of the Building Trades Council was unfair and un-American? A. I didn't.

Mr. Untermyer called attention to the council's by-laws which gave Brindell control of its unions.

Q. Do you know it now? A. I do.

Q. He was a perfect liar and could call strikes without consultation with anybody? A. Yes.

Q. Why didn't your association call Brindell to account for calling these strikes? A. We had no authority except to employ the labor he told us was authorized by the council.

Q. Instead you called your members to account for resisting these strikes? A. No. We notified them of our information from Brindell regarding the unions.

At another time when Mr. Untermyer referred to "your association" Mr. Edlitz bristled and got out of his seat to object.

"Not my association," he said. "The Building Trades Employers Association."

Mr. Untermyer went on to ask questions tending to show that once the employers had used the "labor club" to get an outsider into their association, they had it in their power to hold him to price-fixing or bid-scutching demands.

Mr. Edlitz seemed especially wrathful over what seemed to be an intimation that he enjoyed immunity from strikes as a return for his aid to Brindell's cause.

EDLITZ BEGAN ON THE SOFT PEDAL.

Mr. Edlitz faced Mr. Untermyer calmly, answering questions in a low, rumbling voice, which counsel constantly asked him to increase in volume for the sake of the stenographer.

Mr. Edlitz said he was a builder and his firm, M. Edlitz & Son, has a volume of \$30,000,000 of business on hand and does from twelve to fifteen millions worth of work a year; his only office in the Building Trades Employers' Association were those of Chairman of the Arbitration Board of the Masons and Bricklayers and members of the Board of Governors representing the Mason Builders' Association.

Q. How many members of the Board of Governors are there? A. From seventy to ninety.

Q. Charles J. Kelly is Chairman of the Board of Governors? A. Yes.

Q. Has he a business? A. In a small way.

Q. But his principal employment is as Chairman of the board, and he is there at all times? A. He spends an appreciable amount of his time there.

Q. All his time, doesn't he? A. I didn't say that.

Q. How much is he paid? A. I do not think he is paid.

Q. Where is Mr. Kelly? A. I don't know.

Q. He has been away for months, hasn't he—ever since this committee has been in session? A. I believe so.

Q. Do you know anybody who knows where he is? A. I believe I do.

Q. Who? A. Mr. Webber told me he knew.

Q. Did Mr. Webber tell you where he was? A. No.

Q. Is Mr. Webber here? A. I think so.

F. G. Webber rose in the audience, declaring he was present.

"Nobody asked you to answer," said Mr. Untermyer to Mr. Webber. Mr. Webber sat down and Mr. Untermyer went on with Mr. Edlitz.

Q. Why didn't Mr. Webber tell you? A. I told him I didn't want to know.

Q. You knew we have been searching for him for months, didn't you? A. I had heard so. But I didn't want to know where he was because I thought you might ask me.

Q. Is that so? Why? A. The man is a thief.

DID KELLY GO TO BRINDELL'S HOME?

Q. But he stayed at the office in 23d Street until the committee began going into his relations with Brindell? A. That had nothing to do with it.

Q. Didn't he go to the home of Brindell in the Adirondacks? A. I don't know.

Q. Did you know Brindell gave him an automobile? A. I had never heard that.

Q. You know that certain house-reckoning contractors sent him some things at Brindell's direction? A. I know Mr. Kelly was making a one-story addition and certain articles were sent to him.

Q. Without pay? A. I don't know as to that.

Q. Are you satisfied to have the Chairman of your Executive Committee in that position? A. No.

Q. Haven't you been asked to send that situation? A. You asked me.

Q. Didn't Mr. Starratt and Mr. Harvath ask you to get Kelly

out? A. They did—at your request.

Q. Didn't they go to you before I ever mentioned it? A. No.

Q. Didn't Mr. Starratt of the Fuller Company make a scene at one of your meetings on the subject? A. He did not make a scene.

Q. Didn't he make a demand in open meeting? A. I don't remember. I remember he spoke to me and said there ought to be a change.

Q. You have been the principal stumbling block to the reorganization of the Building Trades Employers' Association and the elimination of Brindell? A. That is false.

Q. Have you? A. I have not.

Q. You will please be more courteous. You will remember a question cannot be false. An answer may be false.

Mr. Untermyer read from minutes of the Executive Committee for May 26, 1920, in which it was recorded that Mr. Starratt remarked that Kelly was acting as agent of Brindell in establishing a new union of house-reckers and there was some dissatisfaction.

Q. The next week Mr. Starratt was told to apologize to Brindell or be expelled? A. No such demand was made. There was an apology with which I had something to do.

Q. What did you have to do with it? I suggest it? A. I'll give you my reasons.

DON'T CARE ANY MORE FOR HIS REASONS.

"We don't care for your reasons any more, Mr. Edlitz," said Mr. Untermyer. "We did once—but no more."

Q. Did you help Brindell get bail? A. That is an insult, sir.

Q. Did you? A. I did not.

Q. You are the controlling influence in the Employers' Association? A. I am not.

Q. Well—next to Kelly? (Laughter.) A. I'm not denying my interest and influence in an organization of which I am a part.

Q. You supported Brindell? A. I did not.

Q. But you made a speech to the Employers' Association saying Brindell was doing "wonderful work"? A. I did.

Q. You didn't know what sort of work he was really doing then, did you? A. No, I didn't.

Q. And now you think over it, he was more wonderful still? A. What do you mean, wonderful?

Q. Well, he was absolute czar. He went about pulling strikes all over New York, didn't he? A. Yes.

Q. But no strikes were called on you, were there? A. Yes, there were.

Q. What strikes? A. The painters. Q. That was not a Brindell union? A. No.

Q. No. Did any Building Trades Council union ever strike on you? A. Yes; the plumbers.

Q. When? A. Within a month.

Q. Since this investigation has been under way? A. That doesn't make any difference.

Mr. Untermyer recalled the testimony of Contractors Atwell and Prudis before the committee, in which they spoke of "getting on the Edlitz-Brindell bandwagon."

Mr. Edlitz insisted that his only interest in Brindell's activities in establishing a new house-reckers' union was one of friendliness for other builders. The employers were helpless to fight Brindell's new union, under their contract with him, the witness said.

Mr. Edlitz said Mr. Untermyer seemed to forget Mr. Edlitz had been out of the association's activities for two years in "war work."

AN ECHO FROM THE DAYS OF WAR.

"Ah, during the war," cried Mr. Untermyer, grasping eagerly a chance to ask the witness about the War Housing Board of which Mr. Edlitz was the head, "your activities in the war were made the subject of a Congressional report? And it was pretty scathing, wasn't it? A scathing attack on a fashion, yes."

Q. Why wasn't it denunciatory? A. (The witness raising his voice to a shout.) Do you want the answer? Do you? Well, I'll tell you. I have turned back \$72,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 appropriated for our work.

Q. Oh well, for all we know you bought perhaps to have turned back the whole \$100,000,000. Do you want to go into this Congressional report? A. No.

Mr. Edlitz said later he thought Mr. Untermyer's method was "unfair."

"You are being treated more than fairly," said Mr. Untermyer. "We are not bringing out nearly all that might be brought out. We believe that you are the worst factor in the whole building business."

A certified copy of resolutions of the Eastern Soil Pipe Association dissolving and disbanding the organization except as to advertising contracts already entered into, was handed to the committee at the opening of the session to-day.

Mr. Untermyer then read a letter from Otto Margraf, secretary of the Metal Celling Association, in which it was stated that a special meeting had been called by the association to consider a modification of its arrangement with its labor organizations "in a way satisfactory to the committee."

Mr. Untermyer put the letter into the hands of all the members. It was a modification of the arrangement with its labor organizations "in a way satisfactory to the committee."

Senator Lockwood was at the City Hall to-day, practically recovered from his recent illness, but gave over the gavel to Mr. McWhinney, who returned to the chamber yesterday with general congratulations for his successful in his trial for conspiracy to protect his interests in Nassau County.

PALS OF EASTMAN QUESTIONED ABOUT GANGSTER'S DEATH

Two Chauffeurs Detained as Witnesses as Former Gunman Is Buried.

CRIME TIDE RISING.

Mystery in Shooting of Bronx Tailor—Thief Is Chased on Broadway.

Despite the efficient work being done by the rank and file of the Police Department, a revival of the crime wave in New York was apparent to-day. Several hold-ups, the shooting of one victim of a robbery and a Broadway thief chase that thrilled theatre crowds featured the criminal activities of last night and early to-day.

Detectives Murray and Botti, working on the mysterious murder of "Monk" Eastman, "reformed" gangster and war hero, early to-day brought to Police Headquarters Sylvester K. Hamilton, twenty-seven, a chauffeur living at No. 159 South Ninth street, Brooklyn, and William J. Slinemeyer, twenty-six, also a chauffeur, of No. 1861 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn.

Both declared they were lifelong friends of Eastman. They are declared to have been with him last Saturday night in Brooklyn and to have been in the party at the Blue Bird Cafe which Eastman visited just before he was shot down in Union Square early Sunday morning.

Hamilton and Slinemeyer are said to have been the first men to reach Eastman after the shooting.

Inspector Coughlin declared the men were not connected in any way with the murder and were being detained merely as material witnesses.

After questioning at Police Headquarters they were sent to the District Attorney's office for further examination. Inspector Coughlin refused to reveal anything that the men had told him, but it is believed they may be able to furnish valuable information in clearing up the murder.

Eastman, wearing the uniform he wore in France and escorted by former comrades of the 27th Division, was buried with military honors this afternoon in the military plot at Cypress Hills Cemetery. Services were conducted at the undertaking establishment of Mrs. Joseph Wagon, No. 384 Metropolitan Avenue, by the Rev. James H. Lockwood, pastor of the South Third Street, M. E. Church, Brooklyn. Detectives were near the undertaking establishment all night in the hope of picking up suspicious characters sought in connection with the murder, but no arrests were made.

Mystery surrounds the shooting late last night of Gaupier Piro, a tailor, who lives in a small room in the rear of his shop at No. 668 Courtlandt Avenue, the Bronx. Piro told the police that when he entered his room a man seized him and threw him to the floor. He declared the intruder then fired five shots. One entering Piro's right temple. The others hit the ceiling. Relatives upstairs heard the shots, but when they reached Piro's room his assailant had disappeared.

The police are puzzled as to the manner in which Piro's assailant got into the room, which was fastened with a padlock on the outside, and all the windows were locked. The shooting occurred about 11:30, but the police were not notified until 1 o'clock.

At Lincoln Hospital, where Piro was taken, it was said to-day that his wound showed the revolver had been pressed against his temple. No attempt at robbery had been made. Piro said he had no enemies. He will recover.

MORE SIDE-CAR MOTOR CYCLES TO BE USED.

It is announced that the new side-car motor cycle patrol begins this afternoon in the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island, 39 cars going into service. Within a week it is expected 61 additional cars will be in service.

A hold-up with one unique feature was reported to-day to The Evening World, but not by the police, who have so far as known made no arrests. Michael Bohan and Eugene J. Biernie, partners, who have cafes at No. 2425 Eighth Avenue and at No. 611 Lenox Avenue, corner of 144th Street, locked up the latter place early yesterday morning and started home.

With them was a man known only as "Jim." As they were walking through 144th Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, two negroes jumped out, pointed revolvers at them and ordered them to throw up their hands.

The bandits forced the three men into a nearby hallway. From Bohan they took \$250, a gold watch, a chain, and a diamond ring he had worn for seven years, and they tore his finger in removing it. From G'Biernie they took \$50, a gold watch and chain. It is not known what they got from "Jim."

Warning the three to make no noise, the robbers marched them up

five flights of stairs to the roof and told them to remain there. As soon as the three victims heard the door slam they began shouting and hurried to the street, but the hold-up men had disappeared.

A robber chase in upper Broadway gave theatre crowds a thrill last night. Julius Maggolia, a tailor, of No. 509 Fox Street, the Bronx, who has a shop at No. 218 West 53d Street, says two negroes entered and one struck him on the head with a club made from a billiard cue and took \$4 from his pocket.

SAY TWO NEGROES CAUGHT, CONFESSED.

The tailor followed them to the street and shouted for help. Policeman Paul Kastner, setting up traffic lights at Broadway and 53d Street, saw the negroes separate and chased the one running down Broadway. The crowd was so great the policeman couldn't shoot and had to wait until he got near enough to rap the fugitive on the head. The prisoner said he was Leonard Dewey, eighteen, No. 226 West 52d Street. Later James White, eighteen, No. 314 West 59th Street, was arrested at Broadway and 60th Street by Detectives Daly and Manny. The police say both negroes confessed.

An attempt to rob the American Museum of Natural History at 77th Street and Central Park West was revealed to-day. The burglar was after several large packages supposed to contain bank notes but which actually contained slips of paper with one real bill on the outside. The packages are part of an exhibit showing the amount of money lost annually through impure water. A watchman saw the robber trying to chisel open the case containing the exhibit, and fired a shot at him. The fugitive escaped by diving through a window.

The Kings County Court continued yesterday to mete out stiff sentences in burglary cases. Thomas Starr of Albany, who pleaded guilty to a second offense, was sent to Sing Sing for ten years. William O'Donnell of No. 124 12th Street and five years, and Nathan Morris of No. 618 West 125th Street got two years and six months.

A boy who was counting a large roll of bills in front of the Pennsylvania Terminal last night, when questioned by a detective, refused to tell where he got the money. He said he was Walter Abbott, nineteen, of No. 115 Castle Shannon, Pittsburgh. When he was taken to the police station it was found he had \$5,000 in small bills.

A telegram to the Pittsburgh police brought word that the boy was wanted there for the theft of the money from a mine foreman, and the police say the boy then confessed and said he had bought a ticket for Arizona.

Mysterious thefts have been puzzling the tenants in the apartment house at No. 506 West 17th Street for weeks. Detectives, who have seen Joseph Novotny, a fireman, peering through a skylight into an apartment last night, and on arresting him on suspicion obtained a confession that he had committed the thefts. There recently. They said he admitted also he had served twenty-two of his forty-two years in prison.

Daniel Maghan, nineteen, No. 109 West 10th Street, and Letitia Anderson, twenty, No. 59 Whitehall Street, both of Brooklyn, were held in \$3,000 bail each in the Flatbush Court to-day on charges of receiving stolen goods. Detectives Lennon and Miles said they found fifty-four containers of heroin on Mehan and Anderson. The youths were arrested yesterday at 12th and Broadway. They were taken to the police station and held in the minimum time if he behaves well in prison.

Last June Conley and William Kopp broke the window of Morris A. War-tell's jewelry store, No. 2093 Amsterdam Avenue, seized two trays of rings and fled. Kopp fired at Wartell and wounded him. Kopp got away, but Conley was caught by Patrolman Loughran, who was out duty but responded to the call for help. Kopp, together with his partner, the police, committed a minor offense and was sentenced to the reformatory at Elmira. Conley revealed this to the police and it was in consideration of the service that Judge Rosakowsky was lenient with him. Kopp was brought back from the reformatory convicted of burglary and sentenced to Sing Sing for ten to twenty years.

Judge Rosakowsky praised Patrolman Loughran and asked the District Attorney to call the attention of the Mayor to his conduct.

Charles V. Hays, No. 2363 Seventh Avenue, a negro, was sentenced to Sing Sing for ten to twenty years by Judge Rosakowsky for blackjacking and carrying a dangerous weapon. He was arrested at No. 2363 Seventh Avenue, a tailor, and stealing an overcoat.

Carl Wehner, accused of complicity in the Hotel Astor hold-up of Dec. 15 and arrested in Philadelphia, Monday night through a letter sent to a woman, was brought to New York to-day and sent to the Tombs.

JEWELS WORTH \$3,000, BELIEVED STOLEN, RECOVERED.

Virginia De Lott, No. 84 West 12th Street and Gene Spector, No. 224 Berry Street, both 18, were held without bail in the Fifth Avenue Court, Brooklyn to-day. They were arrested yesterday, according to detectives, in a rooming house at No. 144 East Street, Manhattan, with two men. The men, it was said, had been released on bail in Manhattan on charges of violating the Sullivan law.

With the four the detectives seized, were found suitcases containing \$3,000 worth of jewelry, some of which was identified by Mrs. Mary Jordan, whose apartment at No. 475 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, was robbed, Dec. 20. The girls denied knowledge of any burglaries.

A pickpocket thrown against a window caused five arrests for alleged burglaries. It was reported to-day in the New Jersey Avenue Court, Brooklyn. The pickpocket was thrown by Charles Fessler, No. 324 Christopher Avenue, Brooklyn, and broke a window in the home of Isadore Moskowitz, No. 31 Christopher Avenue. Moskowitz threatened Fessler, the police were called and an investigation followed. As a result, Fessler and Benjamin Schwartz of No. 361 Christopher Avenue were held without bail, charged

with holding up Hyman Wedman at No. 249 Bedford Avenue and taking his watch and chain. Schwartz pleaded guilty and Fessler not guilty. Schwartz then was made co-defendant with Moskowitz on charges of robbing the Acme Embroidery Company, Van Buren and Belmont Avenues of \$400 worth of goods. On this charge each of the men was held in \$25,000 bail. Morris Kahn and his father, Isadore, of Christopher and Dumont Avenues, were held in \$15,000 bail on charges of robbing passengers on an alleged receiver of the goods stolen from the embroidery company.

Members of the Crew of Steam Lighter John C. Craven Saved From Drowning by Police Boat John F. Hylan

Five Rescued When Liner Cuts Lighter in Two.

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